GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of leather and leather goods from India during each of the last three years against the target fixed;

(b) the policies announced by the Government to improve the leather trade in India;

(c) whether there has been steady decline in leather industry due to environmental threat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : The total export of leather and leather goods from India during each of the last three years against the target fixed is as follows:

Value in US M $

Year	Target	Export
1998-1999	1777	1654.89
1999-2000	1724	1576.12
2000-2001	1760	1970.99

(b) : Government has taken various policy initiatives for export promotion of leather and leather products . These include implementing export promotion scheme like Duty Exemption Pass Book Schemeand Duty Drawback Schemes; Tannery Modernisation Scheme; de-reservation of tanning and footwear sector from small scale industry; providing financial assistance to exporters through Marketing Development Assistance and Marketing Access Initiatives Schemes for marketing of export products outside the country; and assisting in design and product development through Institutes like Footwear Design and Development Institute and Central Leather Research Institute.

(c) : No, sir.

(d) to (e) : Does not arise.